

HOUSE BILL No. 1463

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Pension thirteenth checks. Provides for a thirteenth check in 2015 and 2016 for certain members of the: (1) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (2) public employees' retirement fund; (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement plan; (4) state police 1987 benefit system; and (5) state police pre-1987 benefit system. Provides that employer contributions may not be used to pay for the thirteenth checks unless, and only to the extent that, the appropriations in the state budget are insufficient to pay thirteenth checks. (This introduced version of this bill was prepared by the interim study committee on pension management oversight.)

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions.



First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning pensions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "fund" refers to the Indiana state teachers' retirement
3 fund established by IC 5-10.4-2-1.

4 (b) Not later than October 1, 2015, the fund shall pay the
5 amount determined under subsection (d) to a member of the fund
6 (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who retired or was
7 disabled on or before December 1, 2014, and who is entitled to
8 receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2015. The amount is not an
9 increase in the pension portion of the monthly benefit.

10 (c) Not later than October 1, 2016, the fund shall pay the
11 amount determined under subsection (d) to a member of the fund
12 (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who retired or was
13 disabled on or before December 1, 2015, and who is entitled to
14 receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2016. The amount is not an
15 increase in the pension portion of the monthly benefit.

16 (d) The amount paid under this SECTION to a member of the



fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who meets the requirements of subsection (b) or (c) is determined as follows:

If a Member's Creditable Service Is:	The Amount Is:
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At least 5 years, but less than 10 years (only in the case of a member receiving disability retirement benefits)	\$150
At least 10 years, but less than 20 years	\$275
At least 20 years, but less than 30 years	\$375
At least 30 years	\$450

(e) The creditable service used to determine the amount paid to a member (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) under this SECTION is the creditable service that was used to compute the member's retirement benefit under IC 5-10.2-4-4, except that partial years of creditable service may not be used to determine the amount paid under this SECTION.

(f) If two (2) or more survivors or beneficiaries of a member are entitled to an amount paid under this SECTION, the amount shall be allocated to the survivors or beneficiaries in shares using the same percentages as the percentages determined under IC 5-10.2-3-7.5 or IC 5-10.4-4-10 to pay the monthly benefit to the survivors or beneficiaries.

(g) The fund may not use employer contributions to make the payments required under subsections (b) and (c) unless, and only to the extent that, the amounts necessary to make the payments required under subsections (b) and (c) exceed the amounts appropriated in the state budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for the purposes described in subsections (b) and (c).

(h) This SECTION expires January 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) As used in this SECTION, "fund" refers to the public employees' retirement fund established by IC 5-10.3-2-1.

(b) Not later than October 1, 2015, the fund shall pay the amount determined under subsection (d) to a member of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who retired or was disabled on or before December 1, 2014, and who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2015. The amount is not an increase in the pension portion of the monthly benefit.

(c) Not later than October 1, 2016, the fund shall pay the amount determined under subsection (d) to a member of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who retired or was disabled on or before December 1, 2015, and who is entitled to receive a



1 monthly benefit on July 1, 2016. The amount is not an increase in
2 the pension portion of the monthly benefit.

3 (d) The amount paid under this SECTION to a member of the
4 fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who meets the
5 requirements of subsection (b) or (c) is determined as follows:

6 If a Member's Creditable	The Amount Is:
7 Service Is:	

8 At least 5 years, but less than 10 years	\$150
9 (only in the case of a member receiving	
10 disability retirement benefits)	

11 At least 10 years, but less than 20 years	\$275
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12 At least 20 years, but less than 30 years	\$375
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13 At least 30 years	\$450
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14 (e) The creditable service used to determine the amount paid to
15 a member (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) under this
16 SECTION is the creditable service that was used to compute the
17 member's retirement benefit under IC 5-10.2-4-4, except that
18 partial years of creditable service may not be used to determine the
19 amount paid under this SECTION.

20 (f) If two (2) or more survivors or beneficiaries of a member are
21 entitled to an amount paid under this SECTION, the amount shall
22 be allocated to the survivors or beneficiaries in shares using the
23 same percentages as the percentages determined under
24 IC 5-10.2-3-7.5 or IC 5-10.3-8-15 to pay the monthly benefit to the
25 survivors or beneficiaries.

26 (g) The fund may not use employer contributions to make the
27 payments required under subsections (b) and (c) unless, and only
28 to the extent that, the amounts necessary to make the payments
29 required under subsections (b) and (c) exceed the amounts
30 appropriated in the state budget for the biennium beginning July
31 1, 2015, for the purposes described in subsections (b) and (c).

32 (h) This SECTION expires January 1, 2017.

33 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) As used in this
34 SECTION, "participant" has the meaning set forth in
35 IC 5-10-5.5-1.

36 (b) As used in this SECTION, "plan" refers to the state excise
37 police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation
38 enforcement officers' retirement plan established by IC 5-10-5.5-2.

39 (c) Not later than October 1, 2015, the board of trustees of the
40 Indiana public retirement system established by IC 5-10.5-3-1 shall
41 pay the amount determined under subsection (e) to a plan
42 participant (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a plan participant)



1 who retired or was disabled on or before December 1, 2014, and
 2 who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2015. The
 3 amount is not an increase in the annual retirement allowance.

4 (d) Not later than October 1, 2016, the board of trustees of the
 5 Indiana public retirement system established by IC 5-10.5-3-1 shall
 6 pay the amount determined under subsection (e) to a plan
 7 participant (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a plan participant)
 8 who retired or was disabled on or before December 1, 2015, and
 9 who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on July 1, 2016. The
 10 amount is not an increase in the annual retirement allowance.

11 (e) The amount paid under this SECTION to a plan participant
 12 of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a plan participant)
 13 who meets the requirements of subsection (c) or (d) is determined
 14 as follows:

If a Plan Participant's Creditable	The Amount Is:
Service Is:	
At least 5 years, but less than 10 years (only in the case of a member receiving disability retirement benefits)	\$125
At least 10 years, but less than 20 years	\$235
At least 20 years, but less than 30 years	\$325
At least 30 years	\$400

23 (f) The creditable service used to determine the amount paid to
 24 a plan participant (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a plan
 25 participant) under this SECTION is the creditable service that was
 26 used to compute the plan participant's retirement allowance under
 27 IC 5-10-5.5-10 and IC 5-10-5.5-12, except that partial years of
 28 creditable service may not be used to determine the amount paid
 29 under this SECTION.

30 (g) If two (2) or more survivors or beneficiaries of a plan
 31 participant are entitled to an amount paid under this SECTION,
 32 the amount shall be allocated to the survivors or beneficiaries in
 33 shares using the same percentages as the percentages determined
 34 under IC 5-10-5.5-16 to pay the monthly benefit to the survivors or
 35 beneficiaries.

36 (h) The board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system
 37 established by IC 5-10.5-3-1 may not use employer contributions
 38 to make the payments required under subsections (c) and (d)
 39 unless, and only to the extent that, the amounts required to make
 40 the payments under subsections (c) and (d) exceed the
 41 appropriations in the state budget for the biennium beginning July
 42 1, 2015, for the purposes described in subsections (c) and (d).



(i) This SECTION expires January 1, 2017.

SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) As used in this SECTION, "trustee" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-12-1-10.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "trust fund" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-12-1-11.

(c) Not later than October 1, 2015, the trustee shall pay from the trust fund to each employee beneficiary of the state police pre-1987 benefit system covered by IC 10-12-3 who:

(1) retired or was disabled before July 2, 2014; and

(2) is entitled to receive a monthly benefit as of September 1, 2015;

an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the maximum basic annual pension amount payable to a retired state police employee in the grade of trooper who has completed twenty (20) years of service as of July 1, 2015, as calculated under IC 10-12-3-7.

(d) Not later than October 1, 2016, the trustee shall pay from the trust fund to each employee beneficiary of the state police pre-1987 benefit system covered by IC 10-12-3 who:

(1) retired or was disabled before July 2, 2015; and

(2) is entitled to receive a monthly benefit as of September 1, 2016;

an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the maximum basic annual pension amount payable to a retired state police employee in the grade of trooper who has completed twenty (20) years of service as of July 1, 2016, as calculated under IC 10-12-3-7.

(e) The amounts paid under this SECTION are not an increase in the monthly pension amount of an employee beneficiary.

(f) The trustee may not use employer contributions to make the payments required under subsections (c) and (d) unless, and only to the extent that, the amounts required to make the payments under subsections (c) and (d) exceed the appropriations in the state budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for the purposes described in subsections (c) and (d).

(g) This SECTION expires January 1, 2017.

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015] (a) As used in this SECTION, "trustee" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-12-1-10.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "trust fund" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-12-1-11.

(c) Not later than October 1, 2015, the trustee shall pay from the trust fund to each employee beneficiary of the state police 1987 benefit system covered by IC 10-12-4 who:

(1) retired or was disabled after June 30, 1987, and before



1 **July 2, 2014; and**

2 **(2) is entitled to receive a monthly benefit as of September 1,**
 3 **2015;**

4 **an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the maximum basic annual**
 5 **pension amount payable to a retired state police employee in the**
 6 **grade of trooper who has completed twenty-five (25) years of**
 7 **service as of July 1, 2015, as calculated under IC 10-12-4-7.**

8 **(d) Not later than October 1, 2016, the trustee shall pay from the**
 9 **trust fund to each employee beneficiary of the state police 1987**
 10 **benefit system covered by IC 10-12-4 who:**

11 **(1) retired or was disabled after June 30, 1987, and before**
 12 **July 2, 2015; and**

13 **(2) is entitled to receive a monthly benefit as of September 1,**
 14 **2016;**

15 **an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the maximum basic annual**
 16 **pension amount payable to a retired state police employee in the**
 17 **grade of trooper who has completed twenty-five (25) years of**
 18 **service as of July 1, 2016, as calculated under IC 10-12-4-7.**

19 **(e) The amount paid under this SECTION is not an increase in**
 20 **the monthly pension amount of an employee beneficiary.**

21 **(f) The trustee may not use employer contributions to make the**
 22 **payments required under subsections (c) and (d) unless, and only**
 23 **to the extent that, the amounts required to make the payments**
 24 **under subsections (c) and (d) exceed the appropriations in the state**
 25 **budget for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, for the purposes**
 26 **described in subsections (c) and (d).**

27 **(g) This SECTION expires January 1, 2017.**

